

What are the Information Needs of Communities & Citizens? We need Internet service providers out here in our rural area and there needs to be some way to provide computers to those of us who cannot afford to have them in our homes.

The cable companies appear to be jamming access to the free TV networks.

THIS IS A TOPIC DEAR TO MY HEART SINCE I ONCE HAD A CAREER IN JOURNALISM AND BROADCAST NEWS. I WISH SOMEONE WOULD CONTACT ME AND I CAN GIVE YOU MUCH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION. I HAVE TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR MY COMPUTER USE.

WE NEED TO KNOW INFORMATION FROM HOMELAND SECURITY, AMBER ALERTS, STATE AND LOCAL AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTAL ADVISORIES, NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (BECAUSE OUR WEATHER RADIO RECEPTION IS NOT GOOD OUT HERE). WITHOUT GOOD TV RECEPTION, WE CAN NOT GET RELIABLE PROGRAMMING... THE AM RADIO SIGNALS ARE LOST AFTER SUNSET BUT THERE IS GREAT SPANISH LANGUAGE MUSIC PROGRAMS FROM MEXICO HERE.

IF I DO NOT HAVE THE GASOLINE TO COME TO TOWN TO USE THE COMPUTER IN THE LIBRARY FOR AN HOUR, I DO NOT GET ANY NEWS. I CANNOT AFFORD NEWSPAPER DELIVERY AND I AM RATHER ISOLATED OUT HERE. I DO NOT HAVE A PHONE BECAUSE I CAN NOT AFFORD A HOME PHONE AND WE GET NO CELLULAR PHONE RECEPTION OUT HERE. SOMETIMES I AM FRIGHTENED. I DO NOT KNOW HOW I WILL SUMMON HELP AND I CAN NOT AFFORD GASOLINE TO DRIVE INTO TOWN FOR A PAY PHONE, I DON'T THINK THERE ARE ANY PAY PHONES LEFT AROUND HERE ANYWAY!

IN NO WAY DO I HAVE ACCESS TO MUCH INFORMATION THAT I NEED TO KNOW! I AM OLDER AND READ SLOWLY AND BY THE TIME I HAVE FOUND ANY LOCAL NEWS THAT MIGHT RELATE TO ME, MY TIME LIMIT ON THE COMPUTER AT THE LIBRARY IS UP AND THERE ARE VERY LONG LINES TO TRY AND USE THE LIMITED NUMBER OF COMPUTERS.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE HERE WOULD BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED, I CAN ASSURE YOU.

How is Commercial Media Serving Your Community?
THEY AREN'T, PURE AND SIMPLE!

We have to rely on the TV and radio stations in Austin Texas and they do not give A damn about us here in Elgin and Bastrop County in general... And they do NOT do a good job in Williamson County either UNLESS THERE IS A HORRIFIC CRIME AND HOW DOES THAT MAKE OUR AREAS LOOK??????

WE NEED TO HAVE SPANISH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCASTS OF THE SAME NEWS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS.

THERE WERE CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATIONS AND JUNETEENTH CELEBRATIONS BUT WE NEVER HEAR WHEN THERE ARE AND THERE ARE POW WOW EVENTS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS BUT WE NEVER HEAR ABOUT THEM UNTIL THEY ARE OVER BECAUSE THE NEWS MEDIA NEVER INFORMS US OF THESE THINGS.

OUR MINORITY COMMUNITIES AND OUR OLDER PEOPLE COMMUNITY (OVER 50) ARE TREATED LIKE PARIAHS BY THE NEWS MEDIA AROUND HERE --- TELEVISION AND RADIO ALIKE. FM STATIONS ARE THE WORST. NONE OF THE TV STATIONS --COMMERCIAL OR NON-PROFIT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT US.

THE NON-PROFIT TV STATIONS WANT TO BE THE BBC AND THEY GIVE US ALL THESE LOUSY BBC COMEDIES FROM GREAT BRITAIN AS WELL AS BBC NEWS AND EVEN NEWS FROM GERMANY BUT THEY CAN'T TELL US ABOUT IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENTS LIKE CINCO DE MAYO PROGRAMS OR JUNETEENTH ACTIVITIES OR OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS????

THEY ARE IGNORING EVERYBODY BUT THE YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHIC (19-25 YEARS OLD) AND I DO NOT WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ALL THE BARS, TOPLESS CLUBS AND THINGS THAT APPEAL TO THOSE FOLKS,ETC.

THE COMMERCIAL AND NON-PROFIT MEDIA DISCRIMINATE IN HIRING WOMEN AND MINORITY AND DISABLED AND OLDER PEOPLE IN TECHNICAL/ OFF CAMERA POSITIONS AND IN BROADCASTING --ESPECIALLY IN RADIO!

What is the State of Noncommercial, Nonprofit, and Public Media?

IT IS PATHETIC! WE ARE SADLY, SADLY UNDERSERVED.

RADIO STATIONS THAT CLAIM TO BE LOCATED IN ELGIN ARE INSTEAD TARGETTING AUDIENCE DEMOGRAPHICS IN AUSTIN, TEXAS BUT USING US AS A PRETEXT TO GET A BROADCASTING LICENSE.

AFRICAN AMERICANS, SPANISH-SPEAKING PERSONS, NATIVE AMERICANS, PERSONS 50 YEARS AND OVER ARE BEING TREMENDOUSLY DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IF WE ARE NOT OUTRIGHT IGNORED.

DEMOGRAPHICALLY, WE DO NOT EXIST.

THE SPANISH LANGUAGE RADIO DOES NOT BROADCAST MUCH OF ANYTHING BUT COMMERCIALS == ABSOLUTELY NO PUBLIC SERVICE OR COMMUNITY-ORIENTED NEWS! I THOUGHT THAT WAS REQUIRED FOR THEM TO HAVE AN FCC LICENSE!

What is the Impact of the Internet and Mobile Information?

WE HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTERNET SERVICES OUT WHERE I LIVE IN THE RURAL POSTAL ROUTE FOR ELGIN TEXAS AND IT IS CERTAINLY TIME THAT WE NEED SOME AFFORDABLE INTERNET ACCESS!

AT PRESENT, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO INTERNET ACCESS OR CELL PHONE SIGNALS OUT HERE AT ALL AND OUR AREA IS GROWING IN POPULATION.

RIGHT NOW, I HAVE TO DRIVE 15 MILES TO GO INTO ELGIN TO USE THE COMPUTER FOR ONE HOUR AT THE LIBRARY AND IT IS NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR AN OLDER PERSON LIKE ME WHO IS NOT TOO GOOD WITH TECHNOLOGY! NOT ONLY THAT, WE HAVE NO MASS TRANSIT OUT HERE AND I DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY FOR GASOLINE AND ALL THE REST OF IT!

IF YOU HAVE NO INTERNET ACCESS AND ONLY THE VERY RICH CAN AFFORD IT, THEN YOU HAVE NO SOCIAL NETWORKS.

YOU CAN NOT GET KEY INFORMATION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR ANYWHERE ELSE IF YOU CAN NOT AFFORD A COMPUTER OR EVEN THE INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER!

I HOPE THAT YOU ALL CAN PLEASE HELP US! WE ARE INCOMMUNICADO WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD WITHOUT THE INTERNET CAPABILITY... I CAN NOT AFFORD A PHONE EITHER.

I WOULD BE HAPPY IF I EVEN HAD A COMPUTER IN MY HOME. I AM HAVING TO FILL THIS OUT AT THE LIBRARY